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SUBJ: ECHEVERRIA AND THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP

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1. ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT DURING HIS TRIP AT LEAST NINE OF THE COUNTRIES HE VISITED WERE MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND THAT HE HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO JOIN THIS GROUP. HE HAD REFUSED TO DO THIS, HOWEVER, AS HE CONSIDERS THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, AS CONTRASTED WITH THE THIRD WORLD, TO BE HIGHLY POLITICAL AND OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH THE SOVIET UNION. MANY OF THE MEMBERS IN HIS VIEW ARE NON-ALIGNED IN NAME ONLY BEING IN FACT CONTROLLED BY THE RUSSIANS. THE THIRD WORLD ON THE OTHER HAND, IN HIS OPINION, IS A GROUPING OF STATES, MANY OF WHOM ARE POLITICALLY FRIENDLY TO THE WESTERN WORLD BUT WHO ARE BOUND TOGETHER FOR ECONOMIC REASONS AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR PRODUCTS AND OTHER ECONOMIC INTEREST FROM THE CONSUMER NATIONS. MANY PEOPLE BOTH IN MEXICO AND IN THE UNITED STATES CONFUSE THE NON-ALIGNED WITH THE THIRD WORLD AND USE THE TERMS INTERCHANGEABLY, AND THIS, IN HIS OPINION, WAS A MISTAKE.

2. WHILE REFUSING TO JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED, ECHEVERRIA
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HAD FELT IT WAS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO RAISE THE LEVEL

OF MEXICO'S OBSERVER REPRESENTATIVE AND HAD THUS ASKED
FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA HIMSELF TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S
MEETING IN LIMA.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, OUR FEARS EXPRESSED REFTTEL
WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNFOUNDED.
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